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FOR MATTHEWS NEA/EGY, JERUSALEM FOR ATHERTON

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SUBJECT: HEIKAL VISIT

1. YOU WILL RECALL THAT DURING MY RECENT VISIT WE DISCUSSED
UPCOMING HEIKAL VISIT AND HEIKAL'S DESIRE TO SEE PRESIDENT
FORD. AS I MENTIONED AT THAT TIME, I HAVE MY DOUBTS ABOUT
ANY SUCH MEETING. IN TALKING WITH FAHMY TODAY ABOUT THIS
MATTER AND CURRENT STATE OF RELATIONS BETWEEN PRESIDENT

SADAT AND HEIKAL, FAHMY REAFFIRMED THAT, AFTER AN INITIAL
RAPPROCHEMENT, RELATIONS ARE AGAIN BADLY STRAINED. THERE
SHOULD UNDER NO RPT NO CIRCUMSTANCES BE A MEETING BETWEEN
PRESIDENT FORD AND HEIKAL BEFORE PRESIDENT SADAT VISITS THE
US. SADAT WOULD TAKE IT AMISS.

2. SINCE I UNDERSTAND HEIKAL PLANS TO COME IN SEPTEMBER,
THIS WOULD MEAN BEFORE ANY PRESIDENTIAL TRIP. WE SHOULD
GIVE HEIKAL NORMAL, DISTINGUISHED FOREIGN JOURNALIST
TREATMENT, BUT NO RPT NO MEETING WITH PRESIDENT
FORD SHOULD BE ARRANGED.

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